





## LETTERS

### Board Members Explain Position on Bond Issue

Certain statements were made by one of the local papers last week with reference to certain members of the Board of Supervisors for adversely scheming to call an election by the people for the issuance of bonds to construct a county owned hospital.

We, those members of the board referred to in that article, wish to make our position clear before the public in this matter.

In seeking legislative approval for a bond issue, we are not attempting at this time to sell bonds.

Since all interested persons had agreed that a county owned hospital was for the best interest of the people, we contacted Mr. Walter James Phillips to seek legislation for a proposed bond issue to finance construction of such a hospital, with the knowledge of ALL MEMBERS of the Board.

I, Johnson Shaw, President of the Board, gave Mr. Phillips a letter authorizing him to begin work on this legislation as the time element was short and the Legislature would not meet again until 1956. The Board of Supervisors is privileged to call an election of the people for a bond issue at any time without a legislative act under the General Laws of the State. However, such elections cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000 and the Board hoped by using legislation in lieu of an election to save tax payers this amount of money when a general election had been reached.

On Monday at the regular meeting it was the intention of this Board to have a resolution drawn up which Mr. Phillips would take to the Legislative body in Jackson. We did not stipulate any amount of bonds to be issued, but specified up to \$150,000.

One member of this board strenuously objected to Mr. Phillips seeking this legislation without calling an election of the people. His reasons for objecting were ruled out of order by the president of the Board as a special and private bill as well as a General Bill will permit the board to use its discretion in calling an election by the people. It is the thought of the other four members of this Board to call an election by the people if there is the slightest doubt in mind as to the advisability of the proposed construction of the hospital. We agreed with Mr. Phillips' proposal to reduce from the usual 20% to 10% of the qualified electors to contest such a bond issue. We said before it cost about \$3,000 to call an election, and the majority of this Board feels that the people who have elected them to office did so with the knowledge that to the best of our ability we would serve them. We cannot spend tax money at random calling elections for each and every discussion that arises. If we did so, then we would be sorely lacking in the very qualities that have elected us to office, namely confidence in our ability to serve our people wisely and well. We cannot use tax money at random and still have sufficient funds to operate the county for the best interests of our people.

It should also be known that the member of this Board who so strenuously objected to this legislation without calling an election was perfectly in accord with the issuance of \$70,000 worth of bonds for the construction of a hospital under the Hill Burton Plan, without calling an election of the people.

It is the opinion of the majority of this board that the people of Hancock County want a county financed and county operated hospital. It is also the opinion of the majority of the board that the people want to obtain such a hospital in the most economical

manner possible, therefore the board wishes to be in a position whereby bonds could be issued up to the amount necessary for the construction of such a hospital.

The amount of \$150,000 was stipulated as the highest amount necessary for such a project. We have not received any estimates on a proposed county financed hospital from the architects as yet. It would be the pleasure of this board to construct a hospital for the least sum possible, and it may well be that such a building can be constructed for a much lesser amount of money.

We are not looking to raise taxes, and will strive to construct at the lowest cost possible. We are definitely not looking for "nice quick band issue." We are looking for the best interests of you, our people, and the means whereby we can save you money and give the best in hospital facilities.

Signed,  
JACK LOTT  
FRANK KELLSAR  
JOS. C. JONES  
J. S. SHAW

#### DEDICATION FOR JUNE

Dedication of Grenada Lake Dam has been tentatively scheduled for the month of June. Juil R. Batson Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Reservoir Committee, said Monroe Looney, Chamber President, said work would begin immediately on setting up communities for the celebration as put forth by Jean Selby, Chief of the Technical Liaison Branch.

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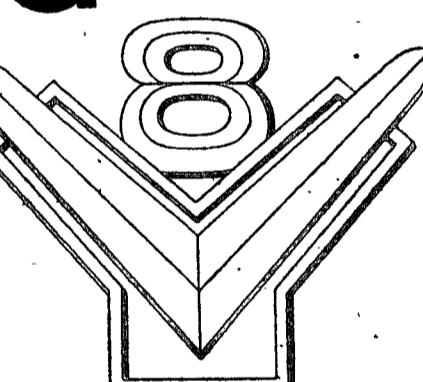
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### EDWARD CHARLES BURTON SERVICES HELD IMMEDIATELY

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Palmer Funeral Home for Edward Charles Burton, 59, who died Sunday, March 13, at his residence in Kiln. Religious services were held at 3 o'clock from Our Lady of the Gulf Church with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The deceased was the husband of Mrs. Anna Hager Fayard, and was also survived by a stepson Theodore (Teddy) Stechmann and the late Henry Carl Stechmann of Bay St. Louis. He was the brother of Miss Emma Fayard, Mrs. Celine Aschraft of Bay St. Louis; Otto Fayard of New Orleans and Gub Fayard of Atlanta, Ga. and Mrs. Jos. Parilla of Destrehan, La. Fayard suffered a heart attack at 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning and upon the arrival of his doctor at 6 a.m. was pronounced dead. He was employed by Dr. Charles Bannister as manager of the Chazelli Nursery, and was a specialist in raising and grafting camellias and azaleas.

Billy Breland son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Breland is a patient at Foundation Hospital in New Orleans.

### ST. STANISLAUS

#### 1955 TRACK SCHEDULE

Mar. 25 St. Paul at Covington  
Mar. 26 Gulfport, here  
Apr. 1 Picayune, here  
Apr. 15 District Eight, Pascagoula  
Apr. 22 Miss. Southern Relays  
At Hattiesburg  
Apr. 26 Picayune, here  
Apr. 29 North-South Meet  
May 6 State Playoffs

## I See It

DR. C. M. SHIVERS

Reader and gentlemen I want to tell you this morning about your heart. Pick up any newspaper and note the prominent headlines. They are not a true picture because many less prominent folks die and they failed to make the headlines in that paper. They are just as dead as if they were prominent. The only thing that may be said in their favor is that it was short and quick. No long drawn out affair with accompanying pain and suffering, a wasting and incurable disease. The sorry part of this is that so many of these people that died had plenty of warning of the impending danger to which they paid no heed. They have said, as so many before them have said, this cannot happen to me. Well, it can and often does. It ends in only one way, tragedy. The laws of average and the laws of providence never operate in your favor. The moral is, don't take liberties with a heart that is already impaired. Now I am a young adolescent with a perfect heart, how should I treat it?

Let me consider these facts. Heart disease is the number one killer of the human race. It leads all other causes of death. The heart is the number one vital organ in the body. It represents our bank account in the race with life. If we overdraw we become insolvent. None but the stupid would dare tamper with this bank account. Nature shows no relenting spirit with our misdoings. If you overdraw your deposit which is given to you in the start on life's long journey she is so exacting she shows no pity and will collect. That is her way of doing

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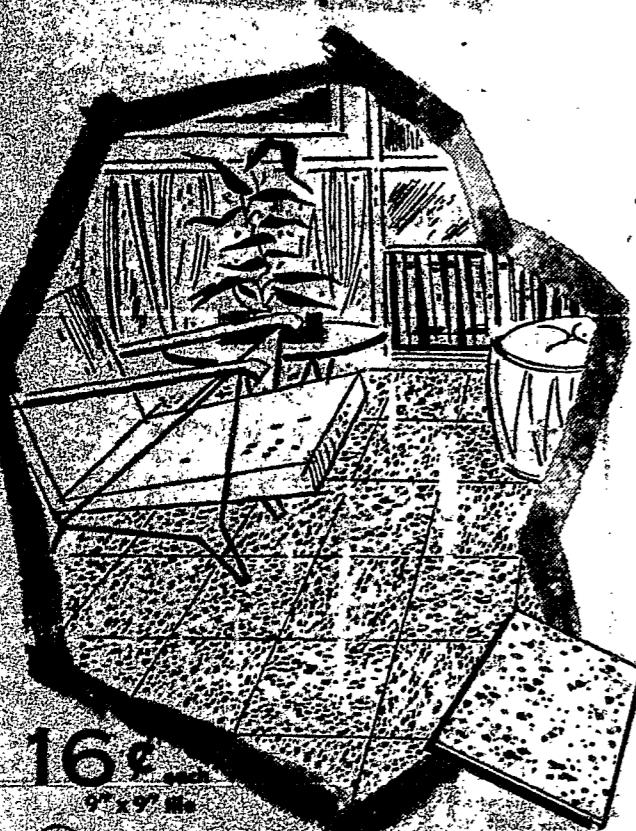
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MR. ROBERTS

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## PRESENT SECOND CHALICE

Monsignor Gmelch General Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Bay St. Louis-Gulfport is presenting Bishop George with a Chalice to be used in the Diocese of Natchez at His Excellency's discretion. The Chalice is given by the Assembly in memory of J. A. Quigley, Gulfport recently deceased member, and is the second made available to Bishop Gmelch since the plan was adopted last year. The first Chalice was given in memory of A. A. Seafide, of Bay St. Louis.

Report was made on the Assembly's Uniformed Honor Guard participation in ceremonies celebrating St. Joseph Academy's centennial and dedication of the roadside shrine on the grounds of St. Augustine's Seminary.

Next meeting will be held in Gulfport Monday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

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Saturday evening is one Pokey will always remember. Lester gave her an engagement ring. Congratulations. Something to remember him by while he spends those 18 months overseas in Germany.

Billy Scarborough visited the Bay this past week end. Says College is tough.

What's that on Phyllis Buckley's finger?? Could it be Billy Clapp's class ring??

PROF. GIVEN TREE PLANTER

Professor L. W. Munn, of the Mississippi State College forestry department, was the new owner of a tree planting machine valued at \$300 when he returned from the Southern Forestry Conference held last week end, on the Gulf Coast. Professor Munn received the machine as a donation. He and other members of his department, organized a large forestry association at the conference. The meeting was attended primarily by owners of tree farms in the southeastern states.

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## SPORTS VIEWS and REVIEWS

BY CHRISTOPHER BELL

### St. Stanislaus Baseball Squads Sweep Two Tiffs With District 8 Champs

The annual Brothers vs. Varsity baseball contest is slated Friday afternoon at St. Stanislaus Stadium. The first set for the Biloxi diamond April 14 and the return game will be at St. Stanislaus Stadium May 3.

Last year Biloxi completed the season with a 8-3 record and claimed the District 8 A-AAA title by defeating Petal in a playoff. The Indians were nosed out of the state tournament by the Jackson team.

### GAME LAW VIOLATION FINES TOTAL \$1555 IN FEBRUARY

Fines against game law violators in Forrest, Harrison, Jackson and Pearl River counties totalled \$135 for the month of February, according to Wade Creek-

more, Director of the State Game and Fish Commission. Creekmore said penalties levied in the state during the same period amounted to \$1555.

Bell will be out to avenge their loss to the Brothers last year.

—cpb—

Felix "Doc" Blanchard has ac-

tained an invitation to the St. Stanislaus Alumni meeting which is to be held at the St. Charles Hotel Sunday, March 20. Blanchard was eliminated from St. Stanislaus in 1948, after football game with the Varsity team.

Brother Neal, SC, will captain the Brothers and also man the second base.

Brother Godfrey, SC, handling mound duties and Brother Kosko, SC, behind the plate.

Coach Herb Adams has not announced his starting lineup, but the Varsity probable bunt is Larry Mathes.

Lineup for the Brothers:

B. Brother Godfrey SC

C. Brother Kosko, SC

D. Brother Mathes, SC

E. Brother Neal, SC

F. Brother O'Neal, SC

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